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VILLAGE *of* WESTERN SPRINGS



President's Perspective

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire Village staff, I wish each of you a Happy New Year. It is my hope that the New Year brings our residents the blessings of good health and happiness. At this time, we should always be grateful for the blessings we enjoy and all too often take for granted. Let us always remember the sacrifices of those who protect our lives, keep us free, and provide us with the security of a safe environment.

While we enjoy the celebrations of the holiday season, our public safety employees, firefighters and policemen, continue to work tirelessly to insure our safety and comfort. Our men and women in our country's uniform forgo the warmth and joy of gatherings of family and friends we experience during the holiday season, and instead serve us in far-distant lands to ensure our well-being. Finally, we should ever be grateful for the service of our veterans—it is far too easy to forget that their sacrifices have made our lives what they are—free and secure.

This is the sixth time I have reported to you on the status of the Village. I am happy to recap some of the major accomplishments of 2014 and the plans for 2015:

- I doubt anyone has forgotten the severe winter conditions of 2014. Our Public Works Department worked many long days and nights keeping our streets open and clear.
- We welcomed the new Mariano's to the Garden Market Center.
- We were happy to receive a grant from the State of Illinois to assist in creating a bikeway at the intersection of Ogden and Wolf to connect with the Bemis bike path. This will provide a safer connection with the bike path and help eliminate the danger of crossing Ogden at Woodland. The planning is in the early stages and is ongoing.
- We continue to move forward with the plan to consolidate public safety dispatch with the Villages of LaGrange and LaGrange Park. We hope to have the center in place this year.
- We dedicated our award-winning Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant. The patience of our residents during the nearly three years it took to complete this challenging project was nothing short of remarkable, and, I'd like to think, well rewarded. The quality of the water is excellent.
- We took steps to create a Tax Incentive Financing (TIF) District for the downtown area south of the tracks. The process was the subject of several public meetings, which are ongoing, and if approved, the Downtown South TIF District should be established this year.
- We reconstructed Howard Avenue in the south part of Field Park.
- We adopted amendments to our building and fire codes, bringing them up-to-date in our efforts to provide the safest environment to live and work in.
- We took the necessary steps to locate Safety Village of Western Springs in its new home adjacent to the Recreation Center parking lot.
- At the time of this writing, our Plan Commission conducted two public meetings concerning the proposed development of Foxford Station at the former Tischler's/Breen site.

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- We continue to move forward with the construction of public improvements at the Timber Trails development.
- We welcomed Bright Horizons child care center to the 4700 Commonwealth Avenue property.
- We recently completed the refurbishment of the windows in the historic Water Tower.
- We will continue to press for the reconstruction of the east platforms of the train station and the construction of the west underpass.

At many of the Village Board meetings we recognize the accomplishments of our residents. In almost every case, honor is given to those taking advantage of the many programs offered and sponsored by our wide-ranging volunteer organizations. The quality of life in Western Springs is enriched by the services of such organizations as the Business Association, the Garden Club, the Historical Society, SEASPAR, and the Senior Center, to name only a few. Programs, like scouting, sponsored by our schools and churches enhance the quality of life in our Village. In short, who we are as a Village is defined in large part by the good people who volunteer their time and talents for the benefit of all. We indeed have many reasons to be grateful. Have a Happy New Year!



William T. Rodeghier
Village President

Village True Value Hardware Celebrates 60 Years of Business



Congratulations to Linda Johnson, owner of Village True Value Hardware, for 60 years of business in the Village of Western Springs. At the December 1, 2014 board meeting, the Village passed a resolution honoring and congratulating Linda on her successful business. Village True Value Hardware was

opened by Linda Johnson's parents on November 1, 1954. Community involvement also has been a key component of the store's success. Both Linda Johnson and her father, Edward, were recognized with the Western Springs Citizen of the Year Award in 1987 and 2009, respectively.

Municipal Roundup

The President and Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of November and December:

Appointed

Joseph Crocker and Mitch Johnson to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Approved

- A series of resolutions and ordinances to approve the 2014 property tax levies for the Village and library and approve the Village's 2015 operating budget. The Village's total levy of \$6,932,818 includes the Village's component of \$5,693,418 and the levy for Thomas Ford Memorial Library of \$1,239,400. The 2014 levy, which is collected in 2015, represents a 3.2% increase over last year's levy.
- A change order to the 2014 repair contract for well #1 in the amount of \$10,649.
- A map amendment to rezone the Safety Village property from R-2 to MGL and a conditional use permit to construct, maintain and operate the Safety Village facility. The facility is being built on land adjacent to and east of the Recreation Center at 1500 Walker.
- A contract for the sale of surplus municipal real estate at 4740 Central Avenue in the amount of \$622,000.
- The tree trimming contract with Nels Johnson Tree Experts of Evanston, IL, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

The President and the Board of Trustees meet monthly on the second and fourth Monday at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall, 740 Hillgrove. Village Board meetings are televised live on Comcast channel 6 and AT&T Uverse channel 99 and replayed daily at 2 and 7 p.m. Meeting videos are also available at www.wsprings.com.

Local Elections—April 7

Register To Vote By March 10

Registering to vote has never been easier or more convenient. If you have an Illinois driver's license or state ID, you may register online at <https://ova.elections.il.gov> or come to the Village Hall and register in person.

Voter registration is available at Village Hall any day between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. All that is necessary to register is residency of 30 days and two pieces of identification. One piece of identification must show a current Western Springs address and one must have a photo.

Also, remember to re-register if you have moved or changed your name.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Welcome New Business!—*Transition Perks* recently opened at 1062 Hillgrove Avenue in the storefront previously occupied by Tropical Sno. The LTHS Transition Program started the business as an in-house coffee and coaster production business. After great success and hard work, the *Transition Perks* business connected with Tropical Sno owner, Nick Cozzi, who provided the opportunity for the *Transition Perks* coffee business to open a storefront within Western Springs. The business is student-operated and maintained to develop the skills necessary to obtain future competitive employment. The proceeds will be used to fund scholarships, vocational training programs, and additional future student-operated micro-businesses. The program also has a webstore at www.lths.net/perks where private label *Transition Perks* coffee cans, roasted by Stewart's Coffee, and coasters are sold. The coffee shop is open on weekday mornings from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.



Transition Perks
1062 Hillgrove Avenue
www.lths.net/perks

Senior Activities

Seniors Club

Monday, January 12, 1 p.m., Recreation Center

Amazing Mike will put on a show using many different musical instruments. Membership renewals for the 2015 year are due and forms can be picked up at the meeting.

Monday, February 9, Noon

35th Anniversary Luncheon catered by Taste of Home followed by a historical presentation featuring the life of Mary Todd Lincoln. The cost is \$12. To make a reservation call Rita at 708-246-7976.

Tuesday, February 17, 11:15 a.m.

Lunch and entertainment to celebrate Mardi gras with *Nite Club@Noon* at Diplomat West in Elmhurst, IL. Skinny Williams, a legend in New Orleans and Chicago, his hometown, will provide music with his jazz band and song, colorful dancers, beads and chocolate doubloons. For more information, call Lou at 708-784-9448.

Senior Center

Located in the Grand Avenue Community Center at 4211 Grand Avenue, the Senior Center operates Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., and is staffed from 1–3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Welcome the New Year by attending the Lunch & Learn sessions, which focus on navigating the wild and wonderful world of seniors. Many other events and programs are available. Complete details available at www.wsprings.com or come and visit the Senior Center.

Be Informed and Engaged

Notify Me—Through the *Notify Me* link at www.wsprings.com, you can subscribe to receive updates and information about community news, alerts and happenings. You can choose to receive notification through an email or a text message. Lists include:

- Community Alert (includes water main breaks)
- Community News
- Road Construction Projects
- Recreation Programs
- Village Board & Committee Meeting Agendas
- Community Events

Report a Concern—You can also take care of your Village related business through the *Report a Concern* link. Submit a request for services on issues such as pothole repair, dead animal, tree health, water billing and many more. Once the issue is submitted, you will receive a confirmation email and can login to view the status of your request along with comments posted by Village staff. We know our community is always on the go, so download the Citizen Request Tracker iPhone or Facebook App and report your issue from anywhere.

Interactive Maps—Interactive maps are available through the Village's GIS (Geographical Information System) database. The maps open in a separate web application, which allows a user to zoom in and out, search for an address and find information about that address. The GIS page, www.wsprings.com/maps, will expand over time with new interactive maps.

Friendly Winter Reminders

Residents Encouraged to Shovel Sidewalks

Please take the time to shovel the public sidewalks for the benefit of students, mail carriers, and other pedestrians. It's courteous and the right thing to do.

Help Your Neighborhood by Clearing Snow Away from the Fire Hydrants on Your Property

In case of an emergency, seconds count! There are over 450 fire hydrants in Western Springs. Is one on or near your property? Please assign someone in your household the responsibility of keeping fire hydrants on or near your property clear of snow for easy access.

Parking

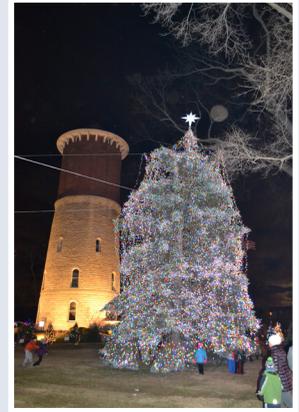
Residents should make every effort to remove their vehicles from the street as soon as possible during any snowfall. The more cars off of the street, the better the snow removal. Parking is prohibited on all streets for 12 hours after a snowfall of four or more inches. Cars parked illegally may be subject to tow.

Slow Down

Please use extreme caution while driving this winter. Streets in Western Springs, as well as the surrounding communities, will have patches of snow/ice. Motorists are advised to slow down to adjust to these winter conditions. Give yourself additional time to get where you are going and allow time to brake in order to stop safely.

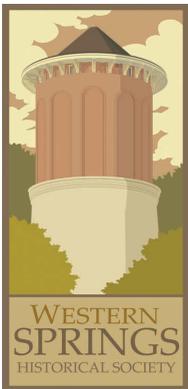
Refuse Collection

Residents and building owners are reminded to clear snow away from refuse containers and recycling bags to avoid a missed collection. If the container is not accessible, it will not be emptied or picked up. Call Allied Waste directly at 708-345-7050 to report a missed collection.



THANK YOU
to the Fred Brubaker Family for the beautiful evergreen which lit up the Tower Green for the holiday season. If you have a tree that you would like the Village to consider for next year's holiday tree, please contact msupert@wsprings.com.

Historical Society



Preservation Awards—The Western Springs Historical Society honored three homes as the 2014 Preservation Award winners at the November 3, 2014 Village Board meeting. All of the winners were nominated in May by a neighbor or anonymous person and were reviewed by a panel of judges familiar with historical preservation, construction and architecture. The awards, which the Historical Society has been giving since 1996, recognize owners for restoring or preserving their residences while maintaining the architectural and historic integrity of the structure. Houses must be at least 50 years old for two of the categories while the category The Good Neighbor Award is for a newer structure, either residential or commercial, that fits the scale and historic style of Western Springs. Judges use criteria that have been established by the US Department of the Interior and are recommended by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The 2014 Preservation Award winners are:

Preservation Award

Lori Logsdon and John Dixon
4736 Grand Avenue

Compatible Addition Award

Susan Morrow and Todd Halamka
3914 Woodland Avenue

Good Neighbor Award

Denise and Sean Clark
4368 Grand Avenue

More information, along with photos of the homes, is available at www.westernspringshistory.org.

Capturing the Past to Gift the Future Adult Ed Lecture—History is more than just a litany of facts and figures—it is the story of those who have come before. We all have stories that help bring the past alive and those memories of people, places and occasions in our lives are among the most precious gifts we can share with others.

Even if you are not inspired to write for the generations ahead, it's just plain fun to recall and write about some of the events in your life that you hold dear. Instead of saying "I'll do it some day," come on over to the Thomas Ford Library on January 25, 2015 from 2–4 p.m. and learn how easy it can be!

Long time resident Kathryn Price will be your inspiration and guide as you get ready to write. Please bring some pencils and a notebook for the second half of this informative seminar. Register at Thomas Ford Library by calling 708–246–0520.

Western Springs Firefighters Shave Mustaches to Raise Money for Men's Health Research

Firefighters from Western Springs and Hinsdale were among thousands across the country who shaved their mustaches to raise money as part of "Movember." This is a month-long annual fundraiser organized by the Movember Foundation—a global organization focused on funding research and raising awareness for men's health issues. Members of the two fire departments competed to raise the most money by growing their mustaches in November and then shaving them off at the end of the month. For many members, this was the first time they shaved off their mustaches in decades. "My wife has never seen me

without a mustache," said Western Springs Fire Deputy Chief Gary Mayor.

In the end, the Western Springs Fire Department took home the "Movember Helmet" trophy by raising \$2,325. "It brought a lot of people together for a good cause," said Western Springs Fire Captain Steve Heinzelman. "I hope it catches on next year, and other departments will get together to see who can raise the most money for a good cause."



Deputy Chief Gary Mayor without a mustache for the first time in decades.



The coveted "Movember Helmet" trophy won by the Western Springs Fire Department for fundraising.

Carbon Monoxide Safety

Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide or CO is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking appliances, as well as water heaters and fireplaces, can be sources of carbon monoxide. Running a car or generator in an attached garage, even with the door open, can produce fatal CO concentrations. Make sure to have your furnace and chimney vents checked for loose or disconnected connections. Look for debris or soot on fireplaces, water heaters and appliances as these could be indicators of a CO problem.

The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever). Symptoms include:

- Headache
- Shortness of breath
- Dizziness
- Fatigue
- Nausea

High level CO poisoning symptoms include:

- Mental confusion
- Loss of muscular coordination
- Vomiting
- Loss of consciousness and death

If you suspect that you are experiencing CO poisoning, get fresh air immediately. If you stay in the home, you could lose consciousness and die from CO poisoning. Leave the home and call 911 from a neighbor's home or your cell phone.

Carbon monoxide detectors can save you and your family's life. For your protection CO alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Do not install your CO detector within 15 feet of a fuel burning appliance. Many detectors now have a built in end-of-life warning that will signal when you need to replace it. Generally CO detectors are manufactured to last from 5–7 years.

For any questions, please contact Lt Chuck Lichtenauer at clichtenauer@wsprings.com or 708-246-1800, ext. 306.



Park Use Permits are required for groups of 25 or more people for all activities including picnics, family gatherings and sporting events. Reservations for permits opened on January 1, 2015 for residents and nonresidents may apply beginning April 1. Permit forms are available at www.wsparks.org.



MAKE SURE YOU GET THE CALL

CodeRED is the community notification system the Village uses to notify residents in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Community alerts include emergency water shutoff from a watermain break, road construction projects or community safety. The number that will be dialing you is 866-419-5000. Please add this number to your phone as a CodeRED call. The telephone database used for the system includes the entire Village unless you have an unlisted phone number, have changed your phone number or address within the last year or use a cell phone as your primary home phone. In these situations, you must register or update your information in order to receive messages. Registration can be done at www.wsprings.com or call the Police Department at 708-246-8540. An alternate phone number can also be registered. Entering an alternate phone number will cause both the primary and alternate phone numbers to be contacted.

Sergeant Promotion



On December 15, 2014, Sergeant Phillip Lo Chirco was formally sworn in and recognized as a new sergeant by the Village of Western Springs Board of Trustees. Sgt. Lo Chirco has honorably served the Village and Police Department for over 14 years and has held a variety of assignments including patrol officer, field training officer and

investigator. Sgt. Lo Chirco will be attending a two week supervision course at Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety and also holds an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Triton College. Congratulations to Sgt. Lo Chirco on his promotion.

Sheriff's Award of Merit



On November 12, 2014, Sergeant Joseph Rourke was presented with the Cook County Sheriff's Award of Merit by Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart. This prestigious award is given to select law enforcement officers throughout Cook County who have consistently performed beyond the call of duty by demonstrating an outstanding attitude,

public service and professionalism. Sgt. Rourke is a 24-year veteran of the department and has served in many assignments including patrol division sergeant, field training program coordinator, firearms and radar instructor and commercial vehicle enforcement coordinator. Congratulations to Sgt. Rourke for outstanding service to the community.



Volunteer Your Time or Talent

BEDS Plus Care is a non-profit agency providing overnight shelter, food and care management services to homeless men, women and children of West Suburban Cook County.

Volunteers are vital to the success of the BEDS mission. Whatever your time, talent or interest, there is a volunteer role for you.

- Cook teams prepare meals.
- Laundry volunteers wash linens at home.
- Admin and office volunteers help with mailings, events and projects.

All new volunteers are required to attend one volunteer orientation. Orientations are held the second Monday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. Persons interested in becoming a volunteer should contact Diane Kassel at kassel@bedsplus.org or call 708-354-0858

Buckle Up Your Valentine Campaign

The Police Department's certified child safety seat technicians will be conducting FREE car seat safety checks on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at the Police Department, 740 Hillgrove. Interested persons, may call the Police Department at 708-246-8540 to make an appointment.

Recreation Department

The Recreation Department offers lots of indoor activities to keep the winter chills out and the warmth of fun in. Programs are available for all ages! Registration is open so get out and recreate. Browse through the brochure at www.wsprings.com/recreation or call 708-246-9070 and one can be mailed. Program highlights are:

- NEW** Little Hoopers is a basketball skill and development class for 3 to 5 year olds. Program will run Saturdays, January 17–February 21, 11:15 a.m. to noon at the Grand Avenue Community Center gym.
- LTSC Mini Winter Soccer Academy for pre-K/K and 1st/2nd grade will be held on Saturdays, January 17–February 14 and February 21–March 21, at the Grand Avenue Community Center gym.
 - Youth Lacrosse spring registration is open for 1st–8th grade. Volunteer coaches needed. Training is provided.
 - Women’s Open Basketball is Wednesday nights beginning January 7 at 8:15 p.m.
 - Men’s Open Basketball is Thursday nights beginning January 8 at 8:15 p.m.
 - Pickle Ball will have open gym time on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1–3 p.m. Equipment provided.
 - Puzzles for Brainiacs for ages 9–12 on Thursdays beginning January 15 at the LaGrange Recreation Center, 536 East Avenue, LaGrange.
 - Gadgets & Gizmos for ages 5–12 on Saturdays, February 28–March 21, at the Recreation Center.
 - Little Sweetheart Dance, Sunday, February 8, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Grand Avenue Community Center gym.

Please call the department at 708–246–9070 with any questions on programs, policies, procedures and fees/waivers,.

Thomas Ford
Memorial Library



New Library Catalog

Starting this spring, members who enjoy using the library catalog to find and order books will have a lot more to like. The Thomas Ford Memorial Library, in connection with other public libraries in the SWAN library consortium, will switch over to a new software system in April 2015. The catalog will be easier to search and will offer many new features to enhance your library experience. Library members can ask staff for more information, and upcoming newsletters and other member communications will soon provide full details. Using your library is about to get even better.

NEAT Cleanup Day Save The Date—March 28

Join N.E.A.T. as they celebrate 30 years of community service! The Neighborhood Environmental Appearance Team (NEAT) is an organization that was created in 1986 as a subcommittee of the Village’s Architectural and Appearance Commission in preparation of the Village’s Centennial celebration. NEAT organized the first workday April 19, 1986 and continues to plan a one-day event in which community groups and families join together to clean litter and debris that accumulates in and around public areas of the Village.

NEAT Cleanup Day 2015 will be held on Saturday, March 28, with a rain date of Sunday, March 29. All residents and youth groups (it’s a great service project!) are invited to bring rakes, brooms and gloves to help with the cleanup. Groups are encouraged to preregister so appropriate work sites can be assigned. Check-in and registration will take place March 28 at the Recreation Center between 8 a.m. and noon. For further information, please contact Carol Yee at 708-246-6704/mscyee@hotmail.com or the Recreation Department at 708-246-9070.

Garden Club

The Western Springs Garden Club meets at the First Congregational Church, 1106 Chestnut, at 12:30 p.m. Programs for January and February are:

January 12—*Long-Blooming Perennial Garden* with Dolly Foster

February 9—*Habits of Coyotes in Urban Areas* with Melina Peters.

Please join the club for a meeting or contact Vicky at 708-246-1849 for more information about the club. Guests are always welcome to attend, and new members are eagerly accepted.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Village services will be closed on Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Day, and on Monday, February 16, in observance of Presidents Day. Refuse/recycling pickup is not affected by these holidays.

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Police non-emergency 708-246-8540
Public Works Department 708-246-1800 Ext. 200
Recreation Department 708-246-9070
Refuse/Recycling (Republic/Allied Waste) . . . 708-345-7050
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Village of Western Springs
Water/Sewer Bill Auto Debit Program
AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT

The Auto Debit Program offers you the convenience of paying your water/sewer bill automatically to insure no late payments or ensuing penalty charges.

1. Yes, I wish to participate in the Auto Debit Program and pay my water/sewer bill automatically:

Water/Sewer Bill Account Number (10-digits)

Name

Phone Number

Service Address

2. Please pay from my: (check one) Checking Savings

Account Number

9-Digit Routing Number

Name of Financial Institution

* Amount of payment will be the account balance of your water/sewer account. This amount will automatically be deducted from your financial institution on the due date.

Auto Debit Program Terms & Conditions

- This agreement will remain in effect until you notify the Village either in person or in writing to cancel it allowing the Village reasonable opportunity to act.
- Auto Debit payments will not be applied to final water bills. Final water bills must be paid by cash, check, or credit card.
- If there are insufficient funds in your account on the specified payment dates, the Village will send you a notification requesting the payment to be made in full via cash or a money order. A \$20 charge will also be attached to your account and the Village reserves the right to remove your account from the Auto Debit Program.
- Requests to participate in the Auto Debit Program will not be honored without a signature.

By signing below, you authorize the Village of Western Springs to initiate automatic payments from your designated checking or savings account to make payments to your water/sewer bill. Your signature also indicates your agreement to the terms and conditions of the Auto Debit Program.

Name (Please print)

Signature

Date

Return this form to: Village of Western Springs • 740 Hillgrove Avenue • Western Springs, IL 60558

Whiz-ba!

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www.westernspringsbusiness.com

Visit our website for a complete list of member businesses and updates on upcoming events.

WSBA is busy making big plans. We'll let our new leader fill you in...

It's been just over a month since the WSBA elected a new a Board of Directors. I joined the Board as President, filling the spot held for a number of years by Joe Lane of Casey's Market. I'd like to thank Joe for his service to WSBA and I'm very glad he remains on the Board as Immediate Past President. Another board member, Mike O'Brien of Independence-4-Seniors, Inc., is our new Vice President.

I've been a banker my entire career, and I've spent the last 3+ years making loans and growing the community banking footprint here at Heartland Bank. Like me, Mike O'Brien is a long time resident and has an interest in helping to make sure WSBA is doing all it can for its members and the greater Western Springs community.

Mike and I are busy getting to know the WSBA from the "inside out" and brainstorming with our fellow directors who share our vision.

The WSBA membership represents a diverse group of businesses including a number of owner-

operated businesses that put their capital at risk everyday. That's why we're excited to see an investor group risking their capital to further the economic development of our downtown area.

A developer is currently working through the Village approval process to construct a mixed-use building on the former Tischler/Breen's site. Transforming the blight on this corner is a high priority for the WSBA, and our Board formally supports the development proposal. We are cheerfully optimistic that developing this key piece of real estate in our downtown area will benefit the community and member businesses, and encourage new households that will contribute to our local economy.

One of the new Board's first tasks was to commission a Resident Survey to understand what widely-held views might be out there regarding WSBA, and what types of services and benefits our community might need. Among other questions, the Resident Survey asked if there was interest in the WSBA's sponsorship of an

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Help plan and improve GATHERING ON THE GREEN

Western Springs residents are invited to join the WSBA's **Gathering on the Green Committee!** Beginning in January, we'll meet once a month to re-vision and improve our community's premiere summer event.

Interested?
Email us at:

whizba@
westernspringsbusiness.com

**Think Local.
Spend Local.
Be Local.**





Pictured above and below with new WSBA Board President Mark Ptacek are two of the lucky winners in the 2014 Christmas Walk Passport Prize Program. A complete list of winners is at right:

- Matt Burns**
Bose Cinemate 10 Home Theater System
- Sean Kultgen**
Two IFLY Indoor Skydiving Vouchers
- Sara Walters**
Two Broadway in Chicago Orchestra Seat Vouchers
- Isabella Aguirre-Lievano**
XBOX 360 Skylanders Trap Team Set
- Maeve Rice**
Nabi DreamTab
- S. Clark**
UP Fitness Tracker by Jawbone
- Beverly Rimpila**
Literacy Basket
(donated by Bright Horizons Child Care)
- Melissa Carlin**
American Girl Diner Set (Santa)
- Charlie Frantz**
\$25 iTunes Gift Card
- Helen Lloyd**
\$25 iTunes Gift Card



■ WSBA's new leader shares news and ideas

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alcoholic beverage tent at the next Gathering on the Green, slated for June 2015. Beverage tents have long been accepted and welcomed at public festivals in surrounding communities. Funds raised through the sale of beverages would be plowed back into programs for the local business community and other worthy causes in the Village. The survey response was positive on this issue, and the WSBA is committed to the sponsorship of an alcoholic beverage tent at Gathering on the Green 2015.

Another WSBA-sponsored community event, the Festival of Trees, just wrapped up in December. The Christmas Walk spanned

two days in 2014, and included the popular tradition of delivering Santa by fire truck to the Tower Green, where he lights the Village tree. The weather was good and the festive Green was swimming with happy children. Thanks to Jean Dukes and her committee for organizing a wonderful Christmas Walk!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our other WSBA directors.

Happy New Year!

– Mark Ptacek, Board President
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